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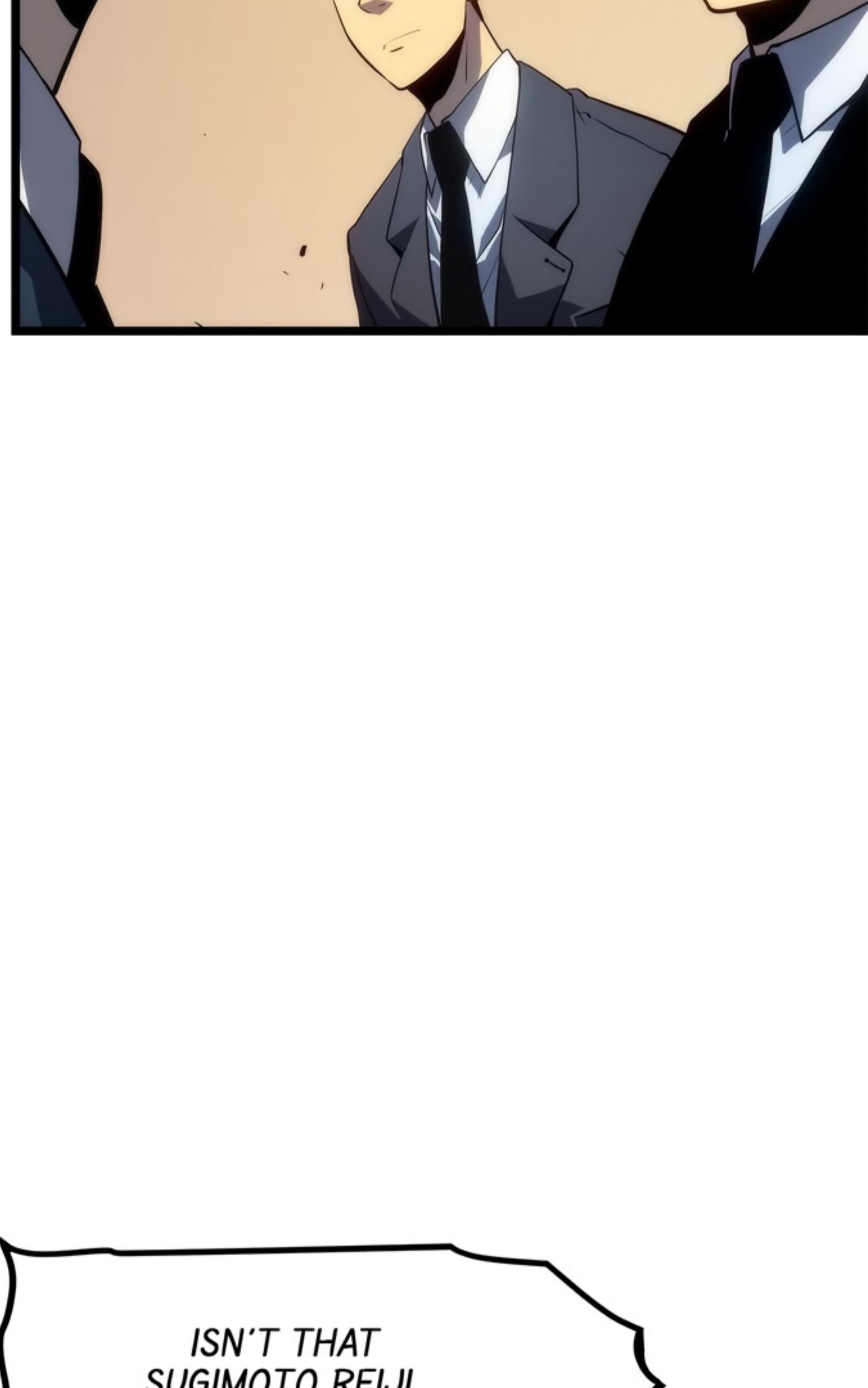
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SHEESH.. THE
BLADES, PHANTOMS,
INVINCIBLE KINGS, AND
SNOWY MOUNTAINS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE
ALL OF THE GUILD
MASTERS OF THE MAJOR
GUILDS IN JAPAN HAVE
BEEN CALLED HERE
TODAY...

THIS MUST
BE A HUGE
DEAL.



A close-up, vertical shot of a character's face, focusing on the right side. The character is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. The shirt has a vertical pattern of green, yellow, and grey. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows on the character's skin and the fabric of the shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

A close-up shot of a character's face, showing a determined expression with a slight smile and a visible scar on the cheek. The character has short, dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket. The background is dark and indistinct.



YOU IDIOT. HE'S THE
GUILD MASTER NOW,
NOT THE VICE GUILD
MASTER.

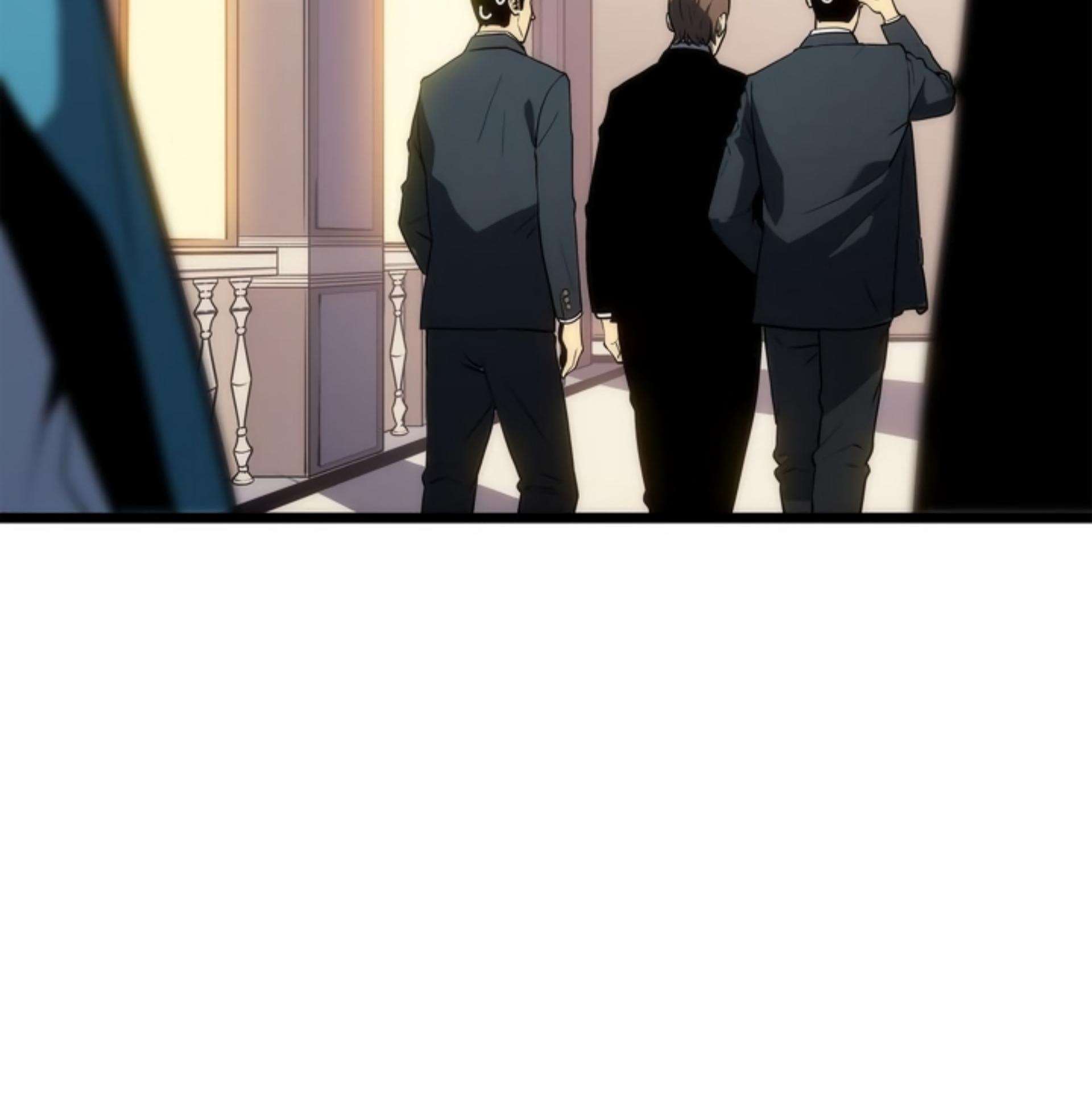
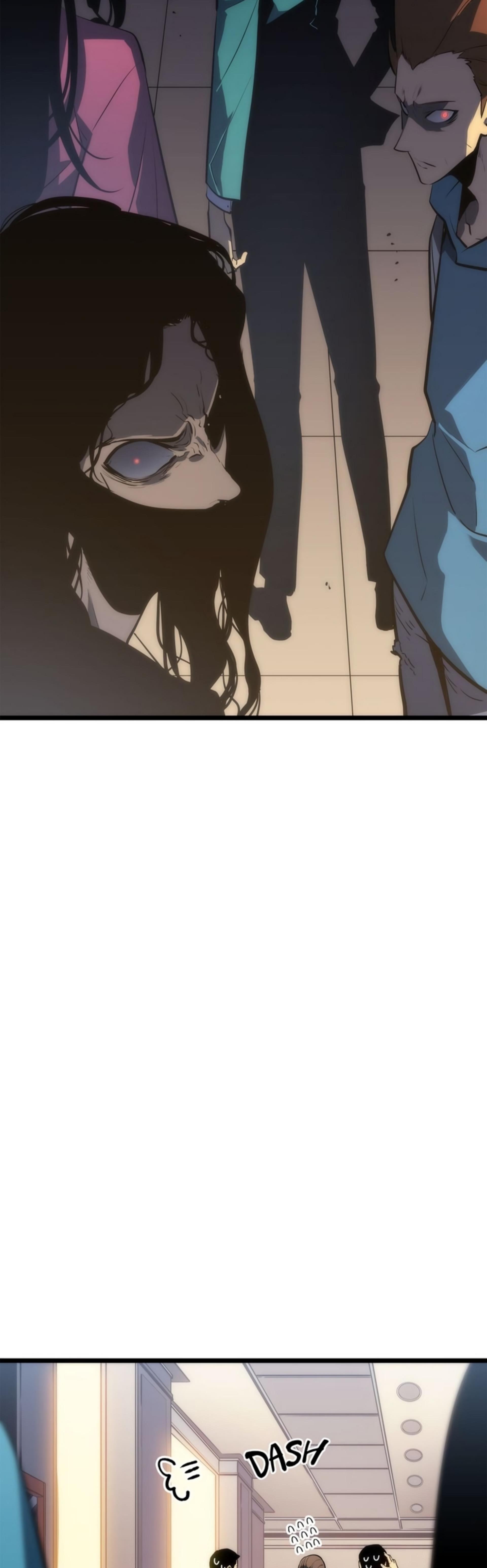
THE BLADES LOST
SEVEN S-RANKS DURING
THE JEJU ISLAND RAID,
INCLUDING GOTO RYUJI,
RIGHT?

YEAH, I HEARD IT WAS
BECAUSE THEY WERE
CARRYING OUT CHAIRMAN
MATSUMOTO'S CROOKED
SCHEME.



WHO KNOWS? IF WE
PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT,
WE MIGHT HAVE A SHOT
AT BECOMING THE
GREATEST GUILD IN
JAPAN...

HALT



TSK!

THOSE LOSERS
COULDN'T EVEN LOOK
US IN THE EYE
BEFORE, BUT THEY'RE
GETTING COCKY NOW
THAT MR. GOTO'S
GONE.

OPPORTUNISTIC
BASTARDS.

...I HEARD A RUMOR
GOING AROUND ABOUT
THE PHANTOM GUILD
ACQUIRING THE SNOWY
MOUNTAIN GUILD.

THOSE TWO
GUILDS COMBINED
HAVE FOUR
S-RANKS.

THE SAME AS US.

SO THEY THINK
MERGING WILL MAKE
THEM THE BEST GUILD
IN JAPAN, HUH?

HOW RIDICULOUS.

EVEN IF EVERY GUILD WERE TO COMBINE FORCES, THEY WOULD STILL BE NO MATCH FOR US.

WHY HASN'T THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION SAID ANYTHING YET?!

SLAM

AN S-RANK GATE HAS SPAWNED IN THE HEART OF TOKYO, AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THE ASSOCIATION DOESN'T HAVE ANY COUNTERMEASURES IN PLACE?!

TELL US THE TRUTH!

WHAT IF A DUNGEON BREAK OCCURS? WHAT THEN?!

EVEN S-RANK HUNTERS AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO CLEAR S-RANK GATES.

BUT NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS, ON THE OTHER HAND...

PRIME MINISTER, YOU'VE SUMMONED ALL OF THE GUILD MASTERS OF JAPAN'S MAJOR GUILDS HERE TODAY, SO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ASKING SUCH AN OBVIOUS QUESTION.

WE ALL SAW WHAT HAPPENED ON JEJU ISLAND. IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN.



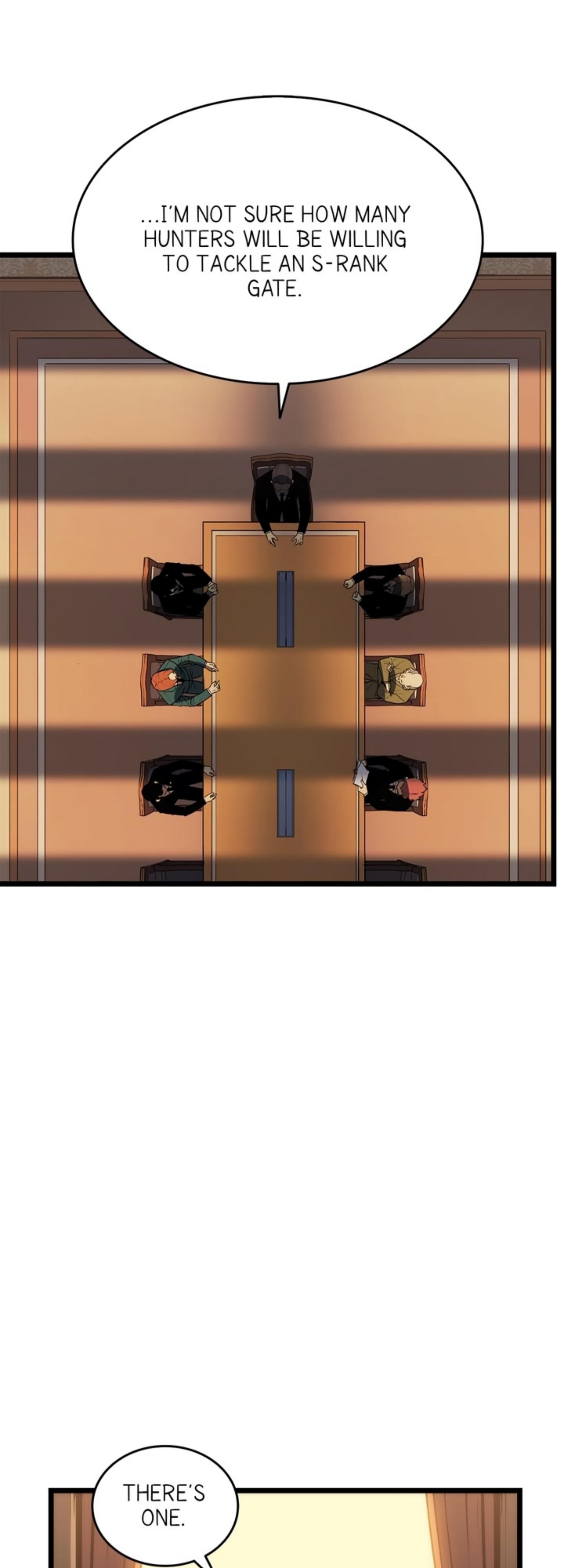


PESSIMISTIC REMARKS
WON'T HELP THIS
SITUATION, EITHER. WE
NEED TO BE DISCUSSING
CONCRETE PLANS.

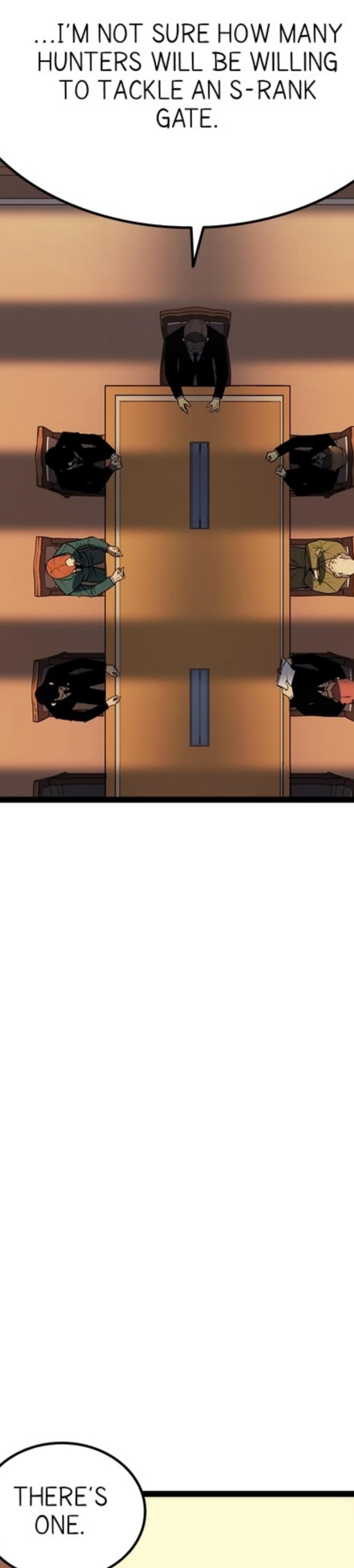
THAT SAID,
HOW ABOUT WE HIRE
THOMAS ANDRE?

YOU THINK THIS
COUNTRY STILL HAS
THE FUNDS TO RECRUIT
SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

BESIDES, WE'RE CURRENTLY
SEARCHING FOR AVAILABLE
HUNTERS AROUND THE WORLD,
BUT BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN
SPIKE IN THE NUMBER OF GATES,
THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF
COUNTRIES THAT CAN SEND
US HUNTERS.



...I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY HUNTERS WILL BE WILLING TO TACKLE AN S-RANK GATE.



THE BARRIER SPECIALIST,
YURI ORLOFF





I CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M LEVEL 101 NOW.

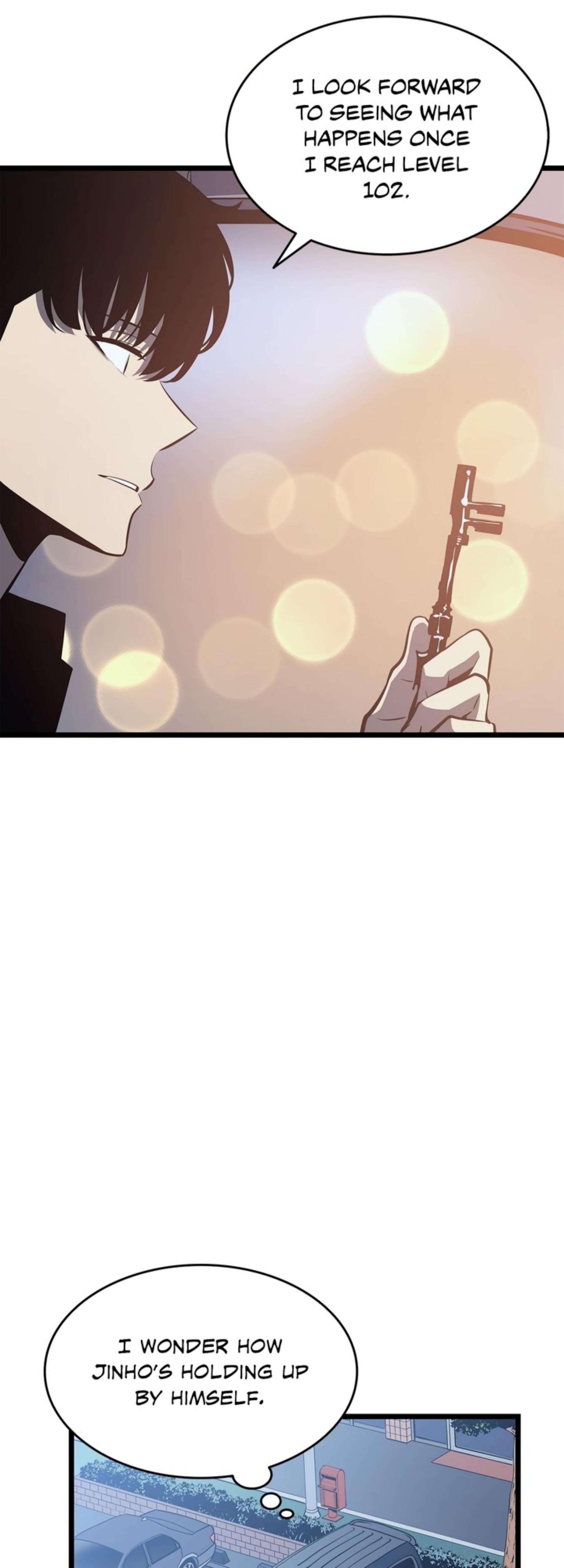
I OBTAINED
THE KEY TO THE
CARTENON TEMPLE
AT LEVEL 100,

AND ALL OF

MY JOB-SPECIFIC

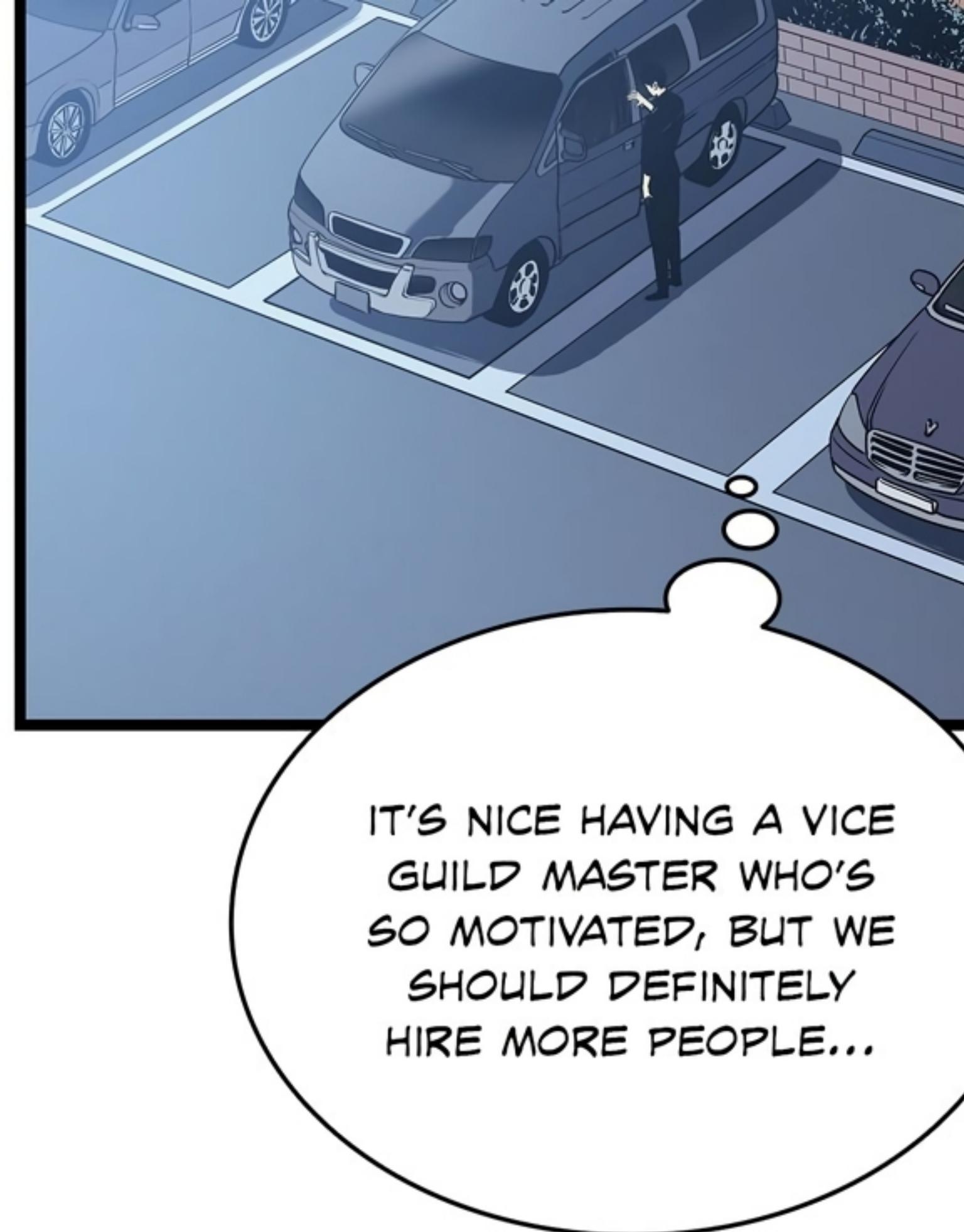
SKILLS LEVELED

UP AT LEVEL 101.

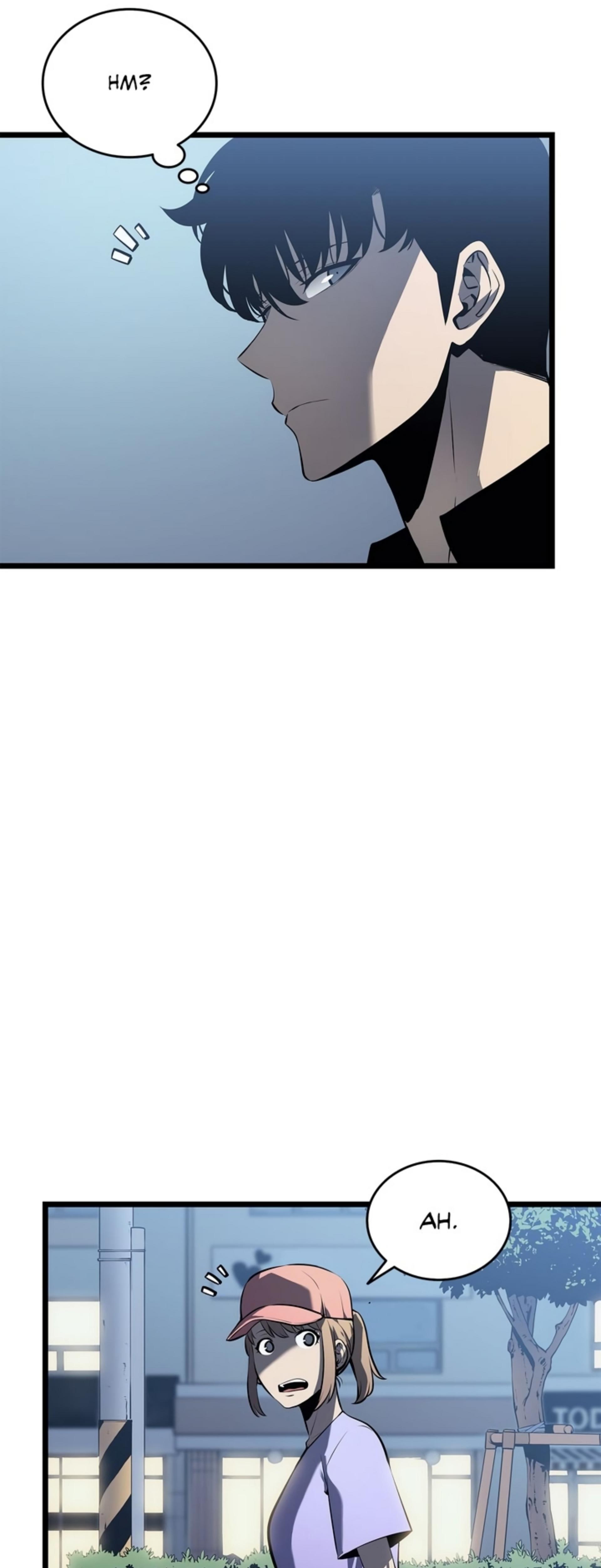


I LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING WHAT
HAPPENS ONCE
I REACH LEVEL
102.

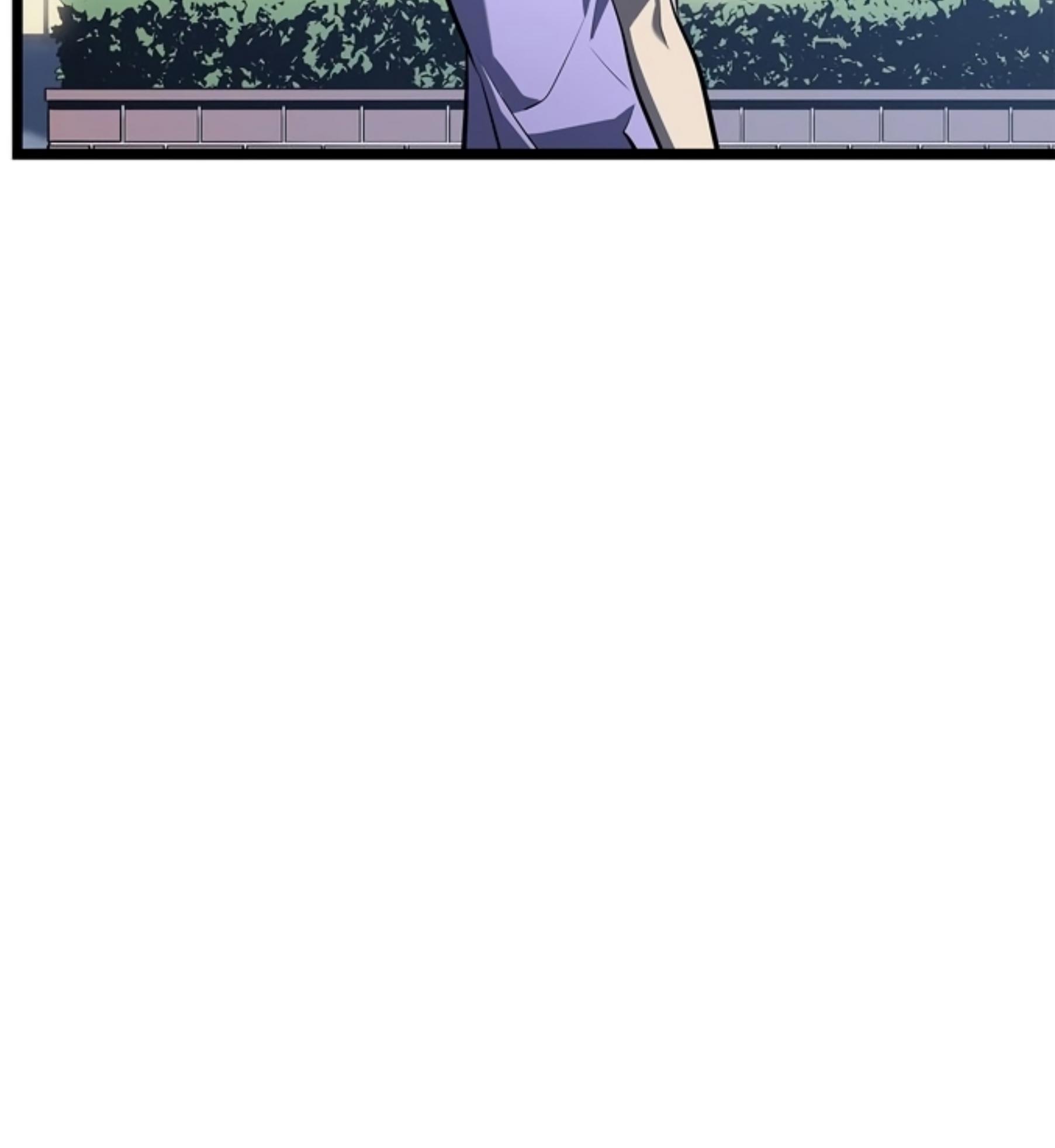
I WONDER HOW
JINHO'S HOLDING UP
BY HIMSELF.



IT'S NICE HAVING A VICE
GUILD MASTER WHO'S
SO MOTIVATED, BUT WE
SHOULD DEFINITELY
HIRE MORE PEOPLE...

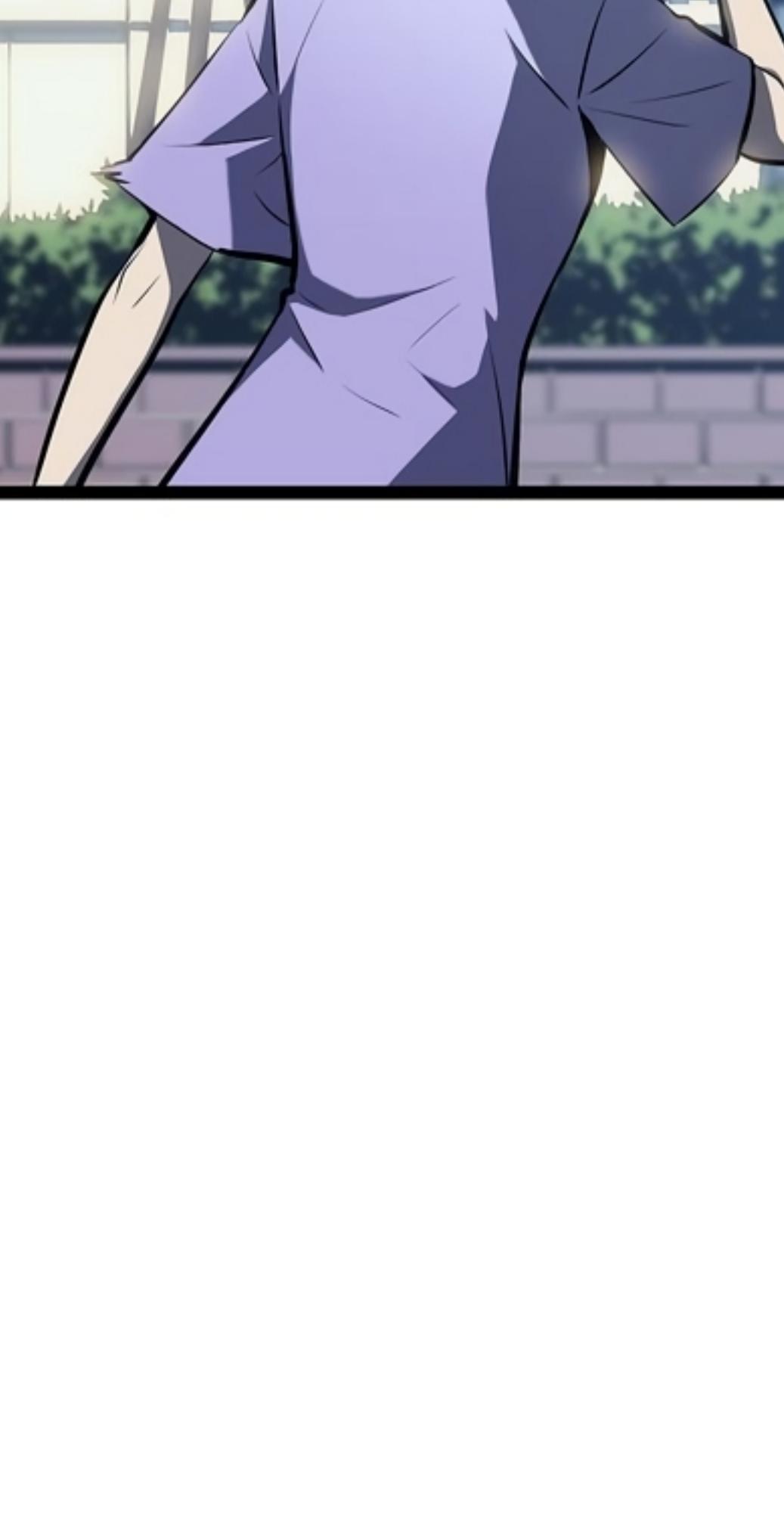


HM?



AH.

TURN



SWISH

KYAA!

WHY ARE YOU
RUNNING AWAY
FROM ME?

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W, WELL...

I, I LEFT
MY CAR... IN YOUR
PARKING LOT,
SO...

OH!

I FORGOT SHE
LEFT HER CAR HERE
BECAUSE WE USED
SHADOW EXCHANGE
LAST TIME.

UM...

ARE YOU FREE
RIGHT NOW?

...?

WHY DID
YOU TAKE THAT
PHOTO WITH YOO
SOOHYUN?

DOES SHE
REALLY WORK FOR
YOU NOW? IF SO, WHY
WAS SHE HIRED AND
NOT ME?

ISN'T AN S-RANK
BETTER THAN AN
A-RANK?

ARE THE TWO OF
YOU DATING...?

WINCE

...MIN BYUNG-GU
WANTED ME TO RELAY
A MESSAGE TO
YOU...

I ASK
BECAUSE...

...ABOUT YOUR
POWERS.

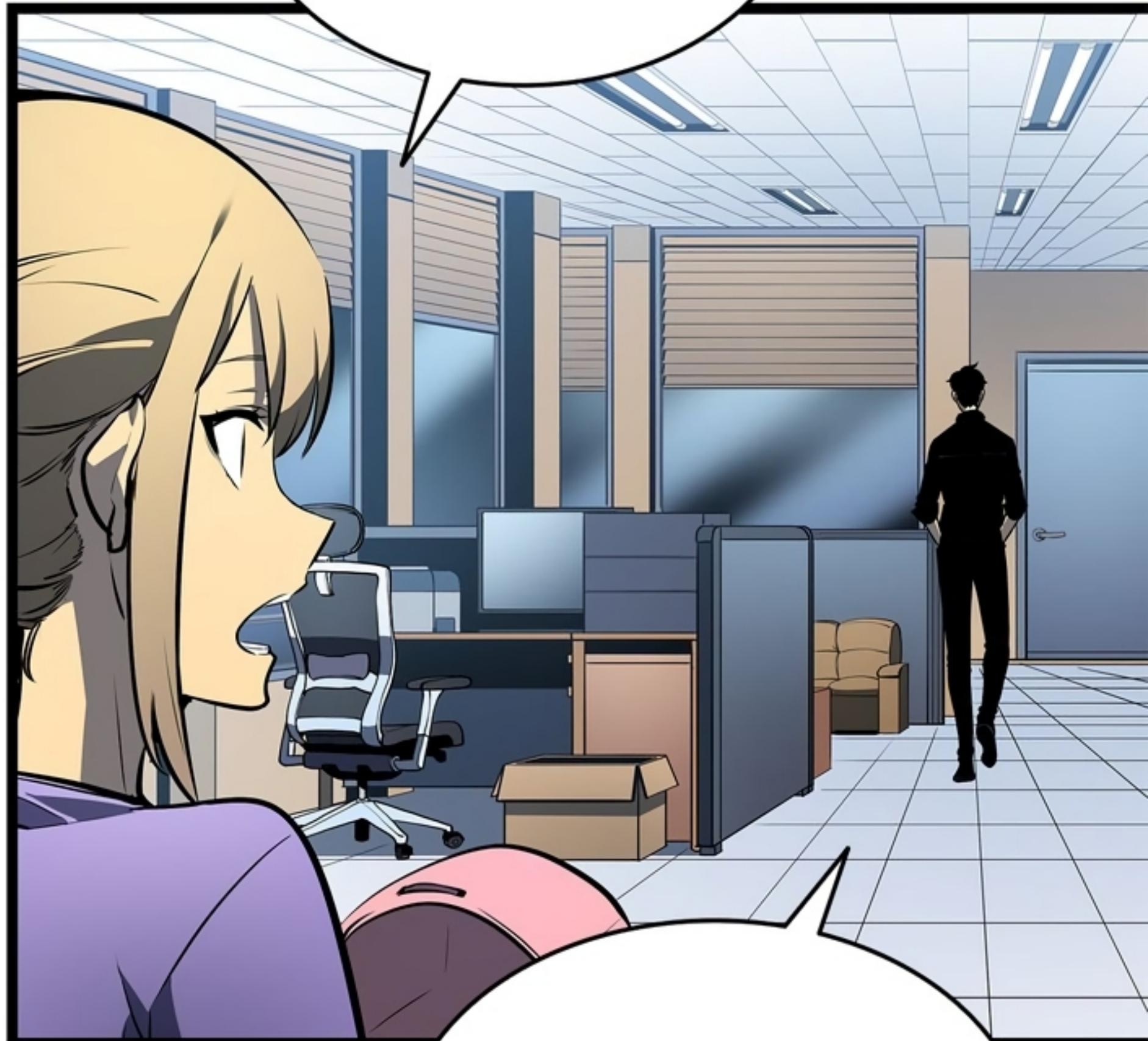
HOLD ON.

LET'S TALK UPSTAIRS.

WHY
ISN'T ANYONE
HERE?

WHY
ISN'T ANYONE
HERE?

WHY
ISN'T ANYONE
HERE?



THE VICE GUILD
MASTER IS STILL OUT
ON BUSINESS.

THEN IT'S
JUST THE TWO
OF US?!

SO TELL ME.

JOLT

HOW DID MIN BYUNG-GU
MANAGE TO LEAVE A
MESSAGE FOR ME WITH
YOU, MS. CHA?

I...

...HEARD A
VOICE THAT
DAY.



PLEASE TELL
HIM...

GRAB



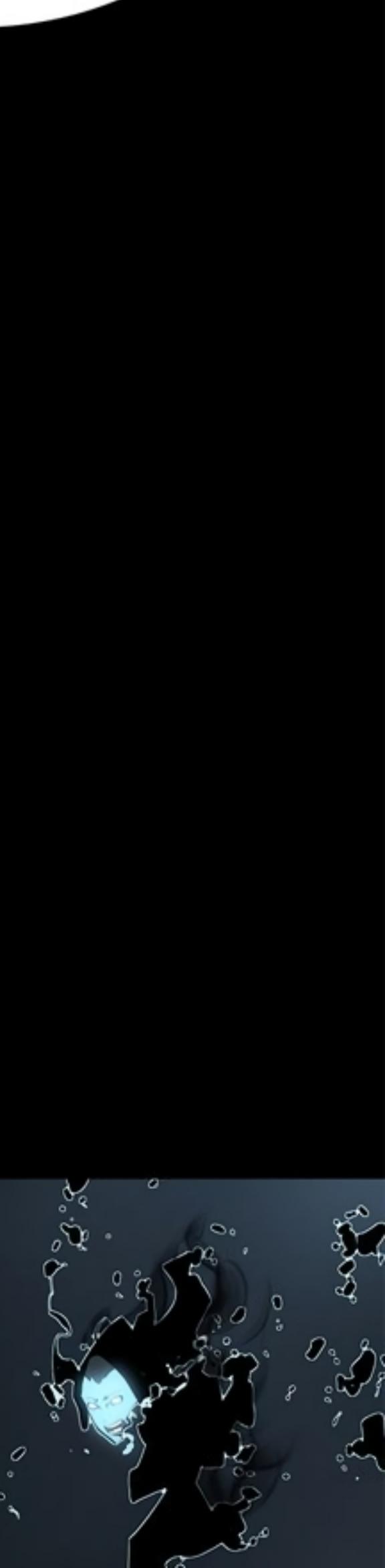


I WAS STILL
CONSCIOUS, AND
MY SENSE OF
SELF WAS STILL
INTACT,

BUT I FELT AS IF
I HAD BECOME A SLAVE,
REVIVED TO SERVE HIM
AND ONLY HIM.



BUT THE SCARIER
PART IS, I FELT HAPPY
TO SERVE HIM.



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

HIS POWERS
ARE INCREDIBLY
STRONG AND
FRIGHTENING.



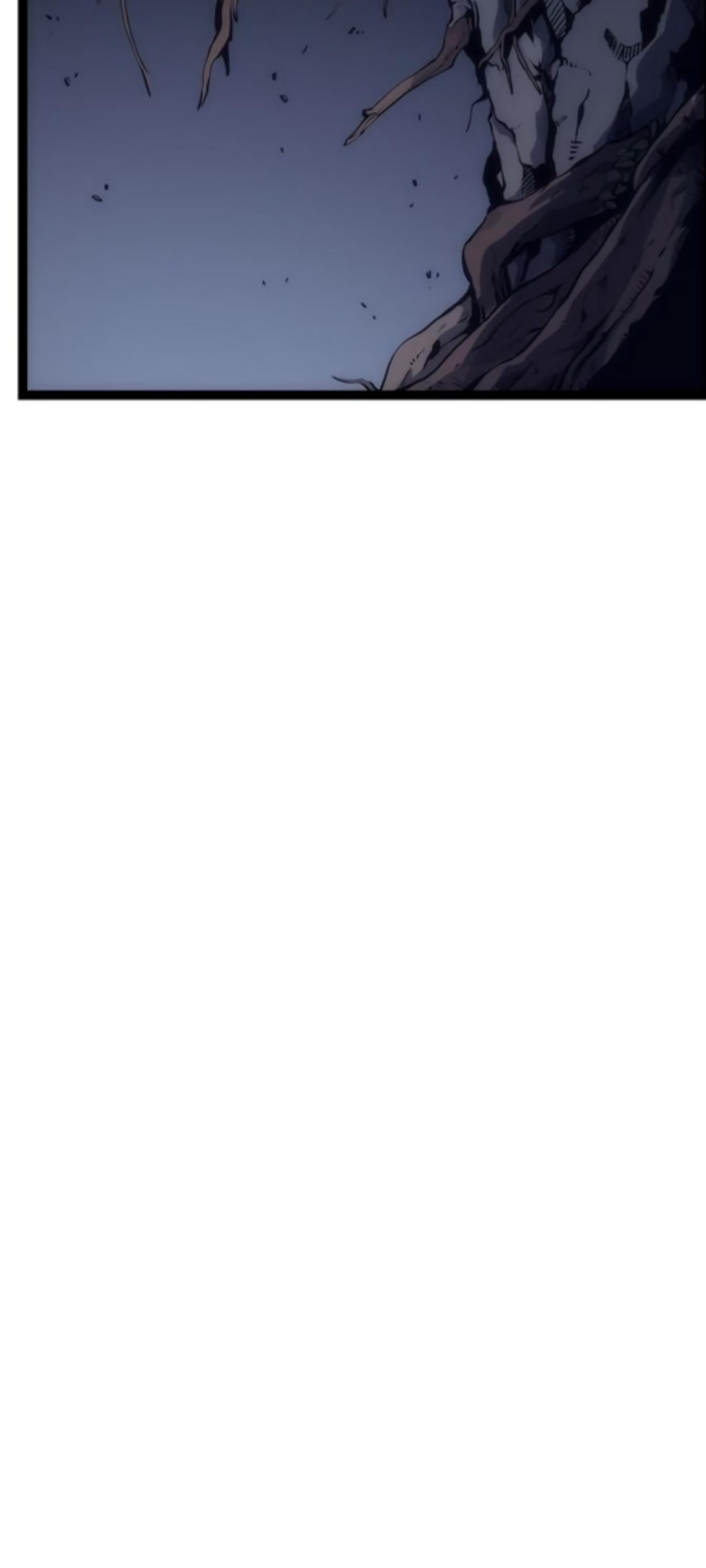
HE MUST
BE INFORMED
OF THIS.

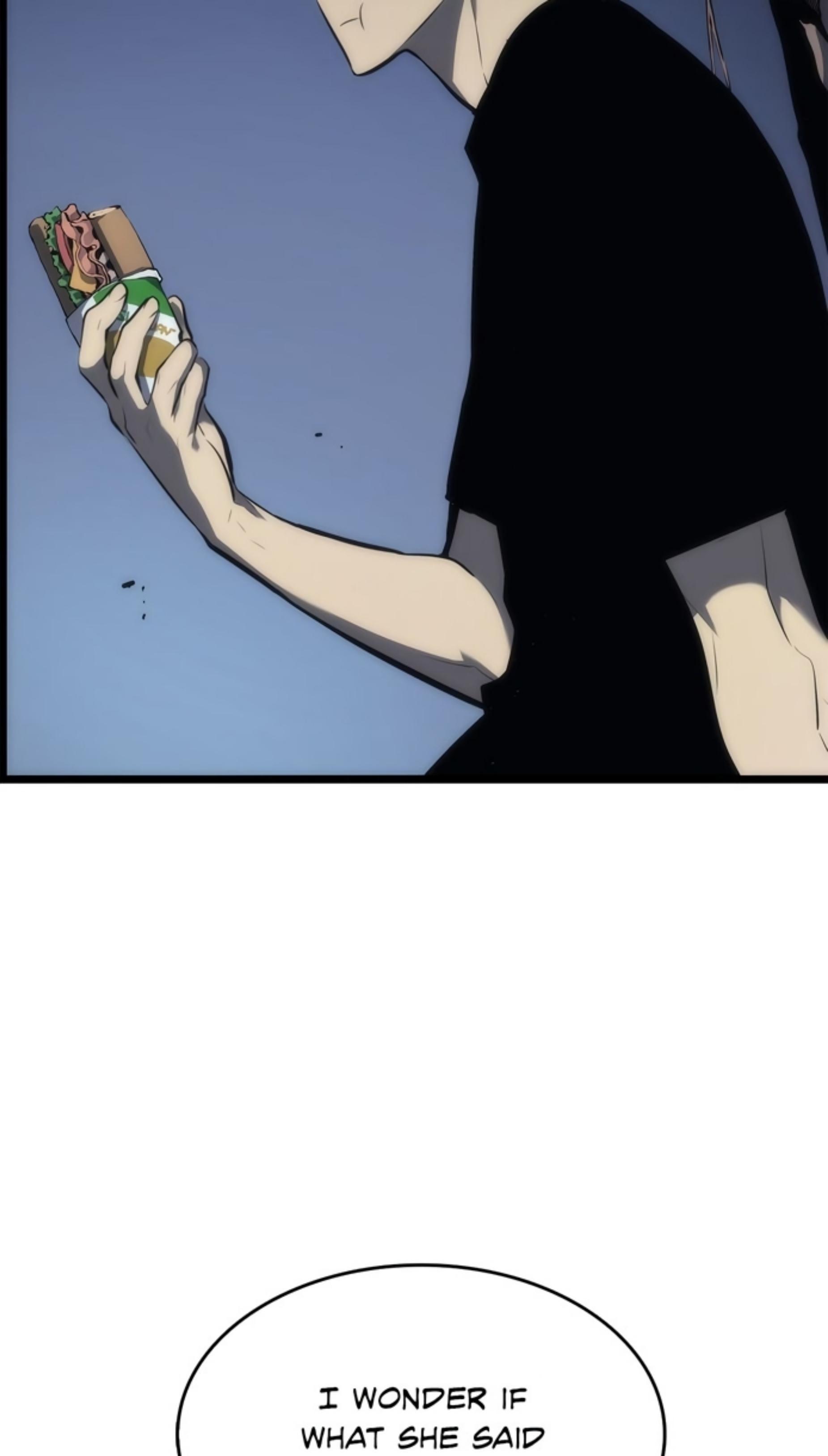


REMEMBER.

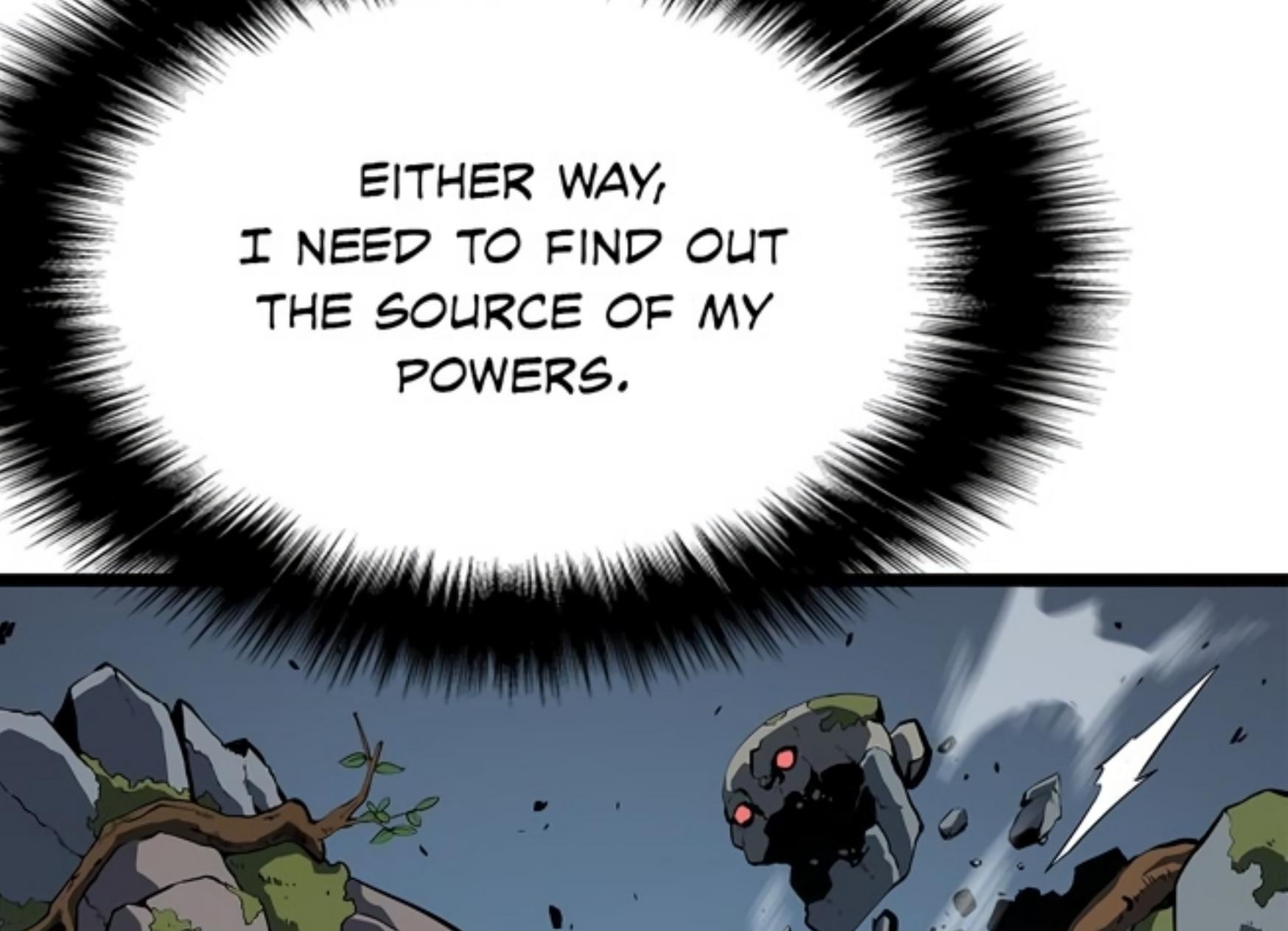
SUNG JINWOO'S
TRUE ARMY IS...

HIS TRUE
ARMY IS...!





I WONDER IF
WHAT SHE SAID
IS TRUE...



EITHER WAY,
I NEED TO FIND OUT
THE SOURCE OF MY
POWERS.



AT THIS POINT,
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT
THAN BECOMING A
STRONGER HUNTER.

THIS REMINDS
ME OF THE DAYS WE
USED TO RAID C-RANK
DUNGEONS, SIR.

HEY, DON'T TALK
WITH YOUR MOUTH
FULL.

CHEW

CHEW

YOUR SHADOW
SOLDIERS CAN
MOVE ON THEIR
OWN,

SO WHY NOT JUST
GO ABOUT YOUR OWN
BUSINESS AND LET
THEM DO ALL THE
WORK?

I CAN'T DO
THAT.

I GET LESS
EXPERIENCE POINTS
THE FARTHER AWAY
I AM; AND...

THERE'S NO
TELLING WHAT
THESE GUYS WILL
DO WHEN I'M NOT
LOOKING.

CHOMP

CHOMP

UWAH!!

BY THE WAY,
HOW'S YOUR SISTER
DOING?

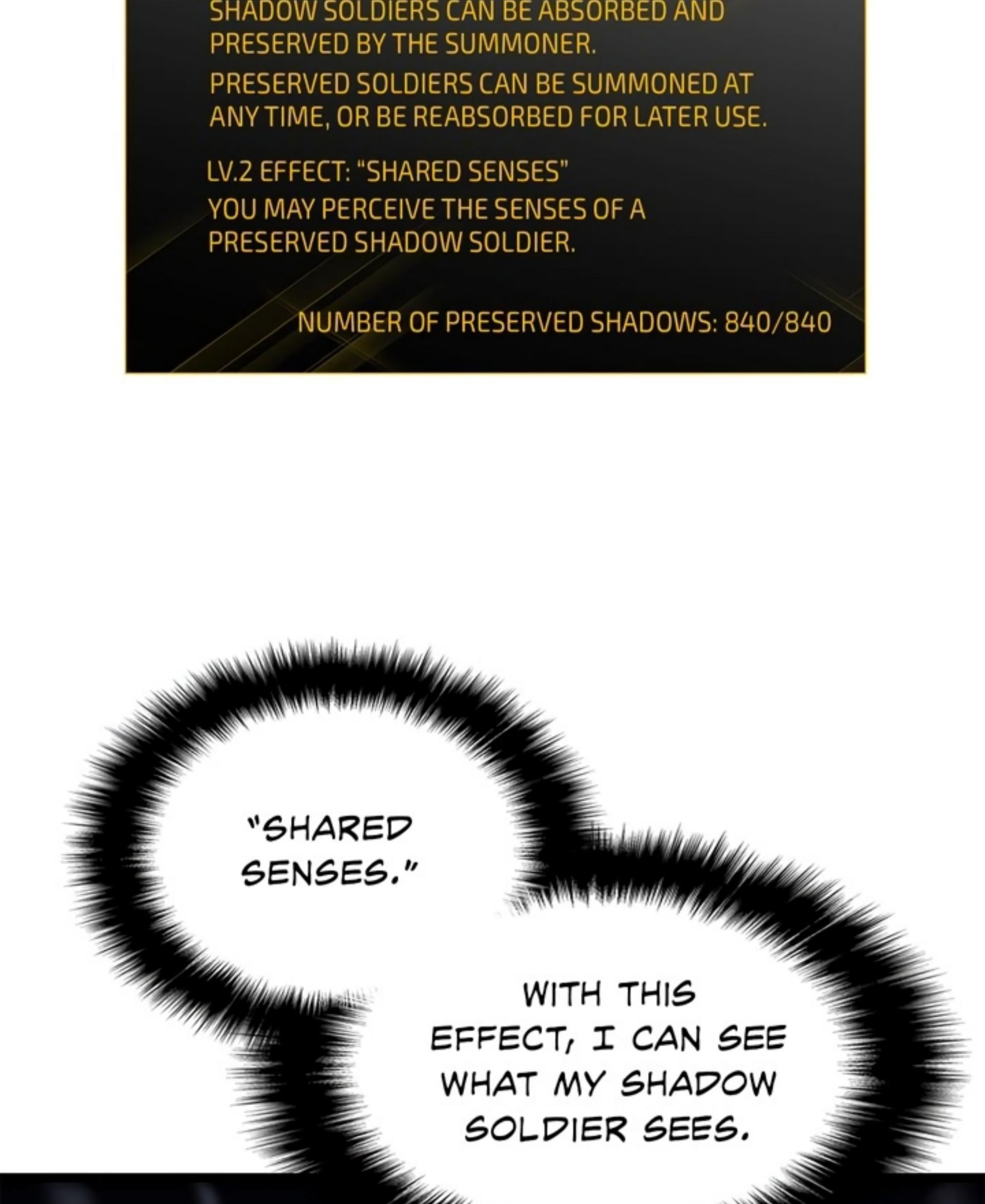
SHE'S
BEEN THROUGH
A LOT...

THE DOCTORS SAID
SHE NEEDS REST FOR
THE TIME BEING.

MY MOST
TRUSTWORTHY
SHADOW IS LOOKING
AFTER HER, SO SHE
SHOULD BE SAFE.



SKILL: SHADOW PRESENCE
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL



A close-up photograph of a white shirt with dark, diagonal stripes. The stripes are dark grey or black and run from the bottom left towards the top right. The shirt has a visible collar and a subtle texture. The background is a plain, light color.

LET'S SEE WHAT JINAH IS UP TO RIGHT NOW...

YOUR
MAJESTY!!



I IMPLORE YOU
TO RECONSIDER,
YOUR MAJESTY!!



YOUR
MAJESTY!!

YOUR
MAJESTY!!

JINAH IS FAST
ASLEEP.



SO THIS IS WHY
BERU STARTED TALKING
ALL FUNNY.

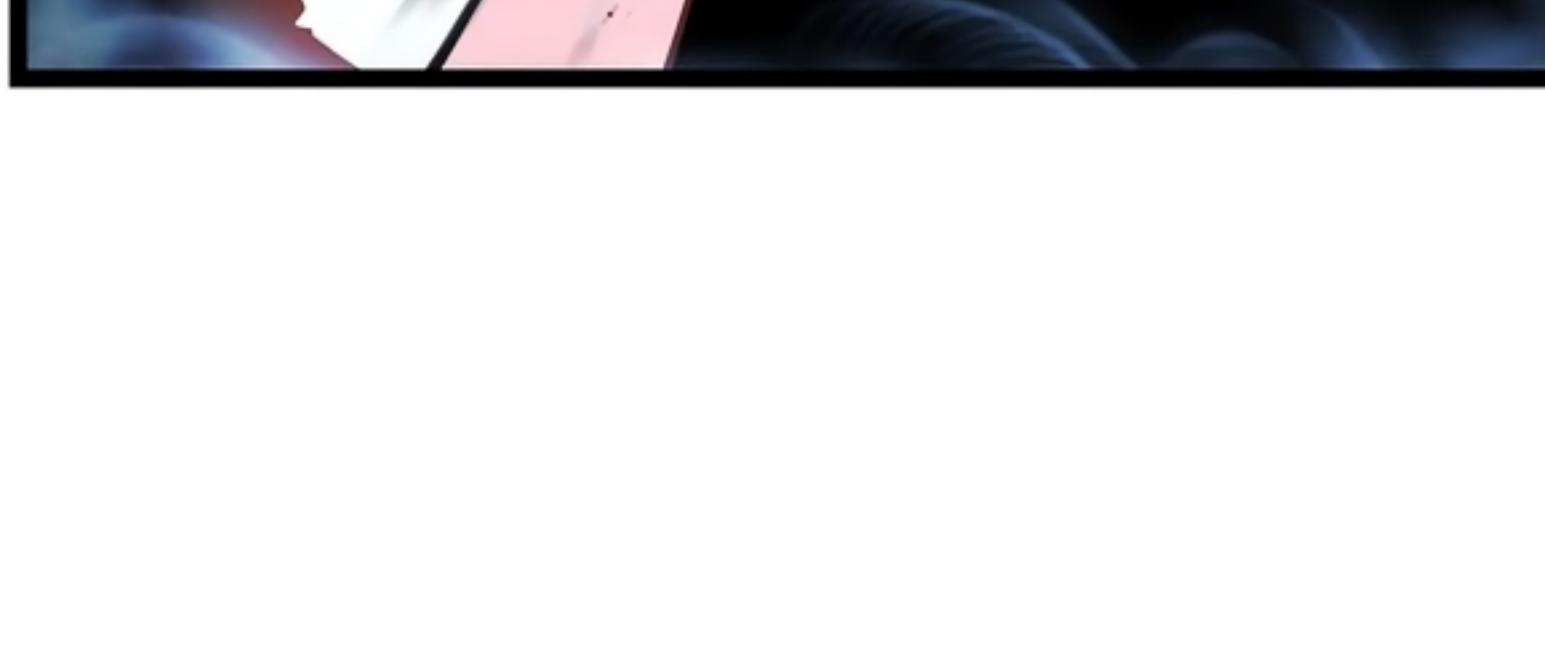
DOES HE LIKE
WATCHING PERIOD
DRAMAS?

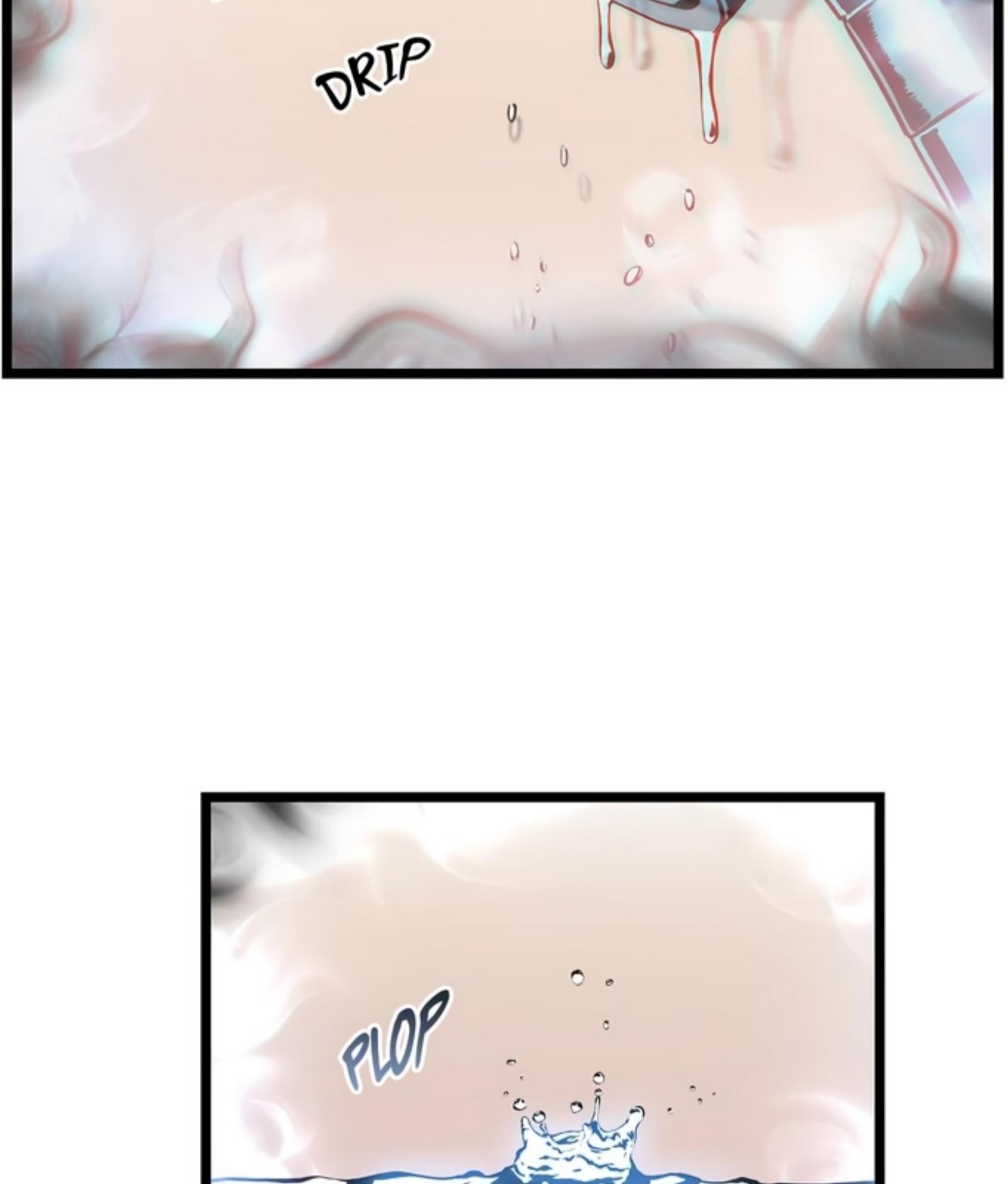


ANYWAY,
I SHOULD ALSO
CHECK IN ON THE
OTHERS...



...





I SHOULD
APOLOGIZE FOR
THAT... MAYBE I'LL
BUY HER DINNER OR
SOMETHING.



BY THE WAY, SIR.

DID YOU HEAR THE

NEWS?

AN S-RANK
GATE SPAWNED IN
SHINJUKU,

AND IF IT ISN'T

CLEARED WITHIN THREE

DAYS, THERE'S GOING

TO BE A DUNGEON

BREAK.

I HEARD JAPAN'S BEEN
RECRUITING HUNTERS FROM
ALL OVER THE WORLD. HAVE
THEY CONTACTED YOU
YET, SIR?

HAS IT
ALREADY BEEN
THAT LONG SINCE
IT SPAWNED?



ITEM

- X

[NAME: KEY TO THE CARTENON TEMPLE]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: ??

TYPE: KEY

A KEY THAT ALLOWS YOU TO ENTER THE CARTENON TEMPLE. THIS ITEM MAY BE USED AT A DESIGNATED GATE. THE LOCATION OF THE GATE WILL BE REVEALED AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME HAS PASSED.

TIME LEFT: 26 HOURS, 51 MINUTES, 49 SECONDS

AN INVITATION

FROM THE SYSTEM

ITSELF.

I WONDER
WHAT KINDS OF
ANSWERS I'LL
FIND IN HERE.

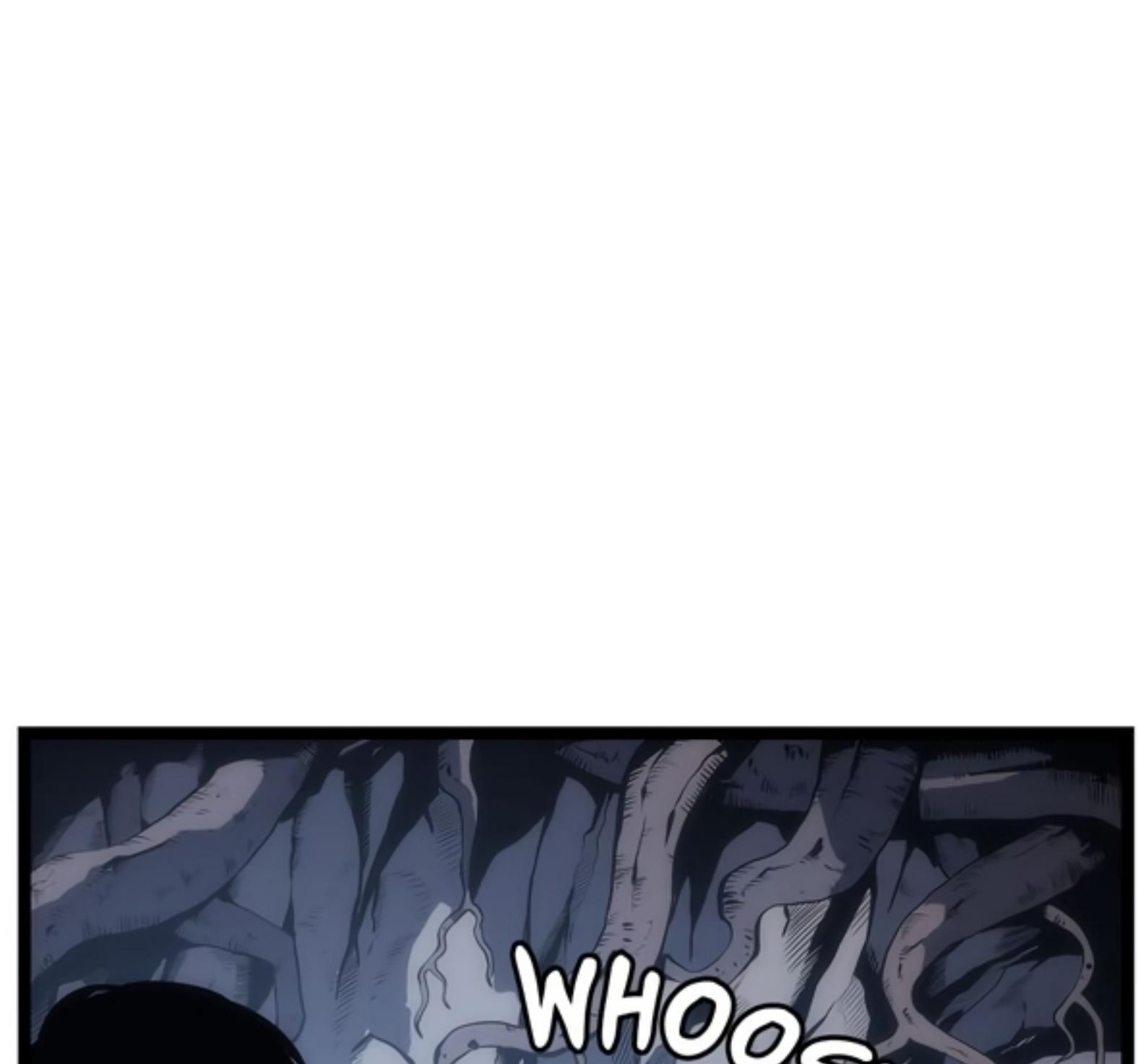
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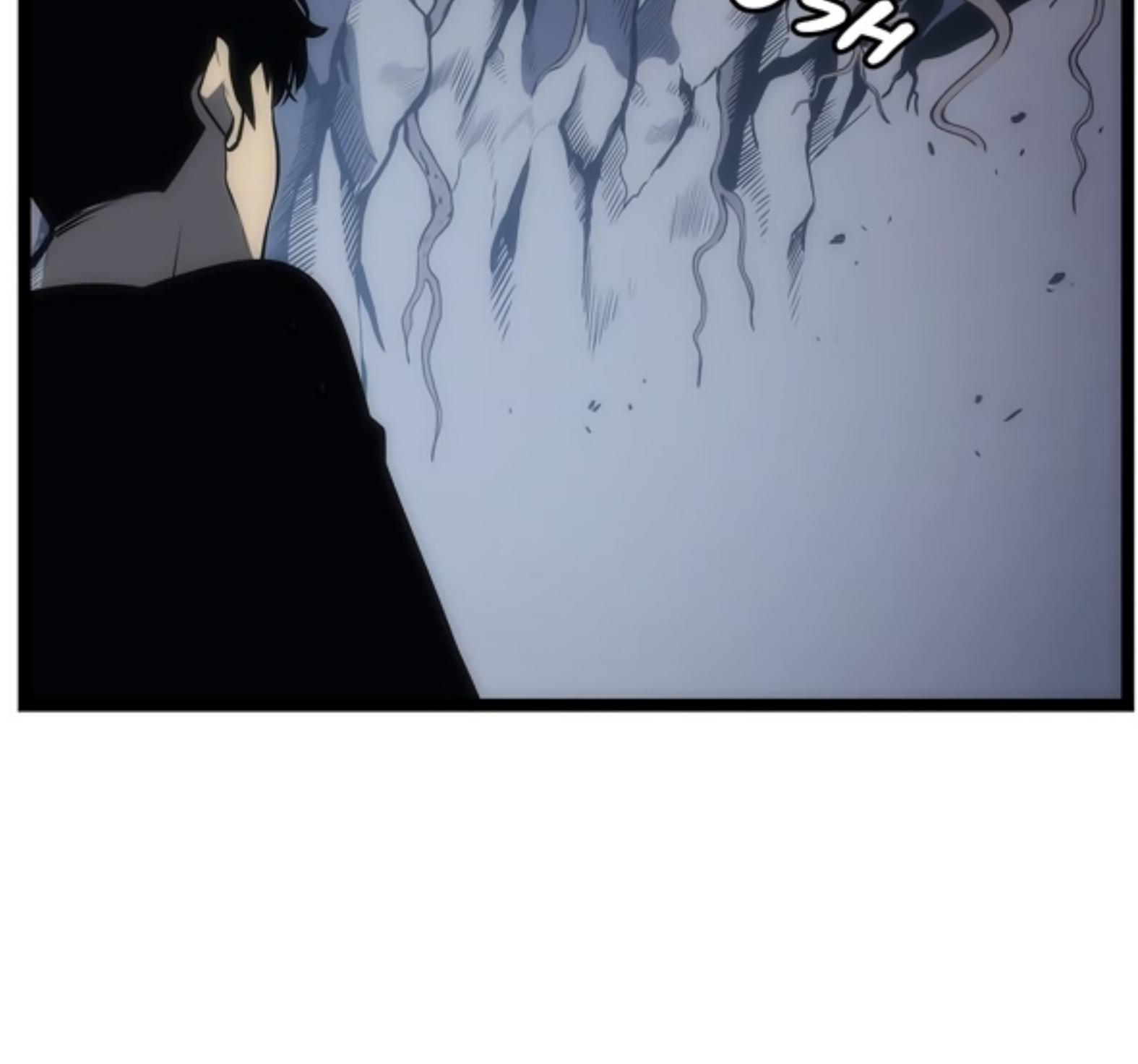
YOU?



DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU TOLD
ME?



WHOOOSH



WELL, THERE'S
ONLY A DAY
LEFT,

SO I'LL FIND
OUT THE TRUTH
SOON ENOUGH.



IF YOU'RE DONE
EATING, LET'S
GO. WE HAVE
WORK TO DO.

YES, SIR!



DASH



I AM YURI ORLOFF.

AS YOU PROBABLY
KNOW ALREADY, PEOPLE
CALL ME THE BEST
SUPPORT-TYPE HUNTER
IN THE WORLD.

YURI ORLOFF

S-RANK HUNTER

I HAD A CHANCE TO
LOOK OVER THE FILES
THE BLADE GUILD
SENT ME,

AND I'VE GOT TO SAY,

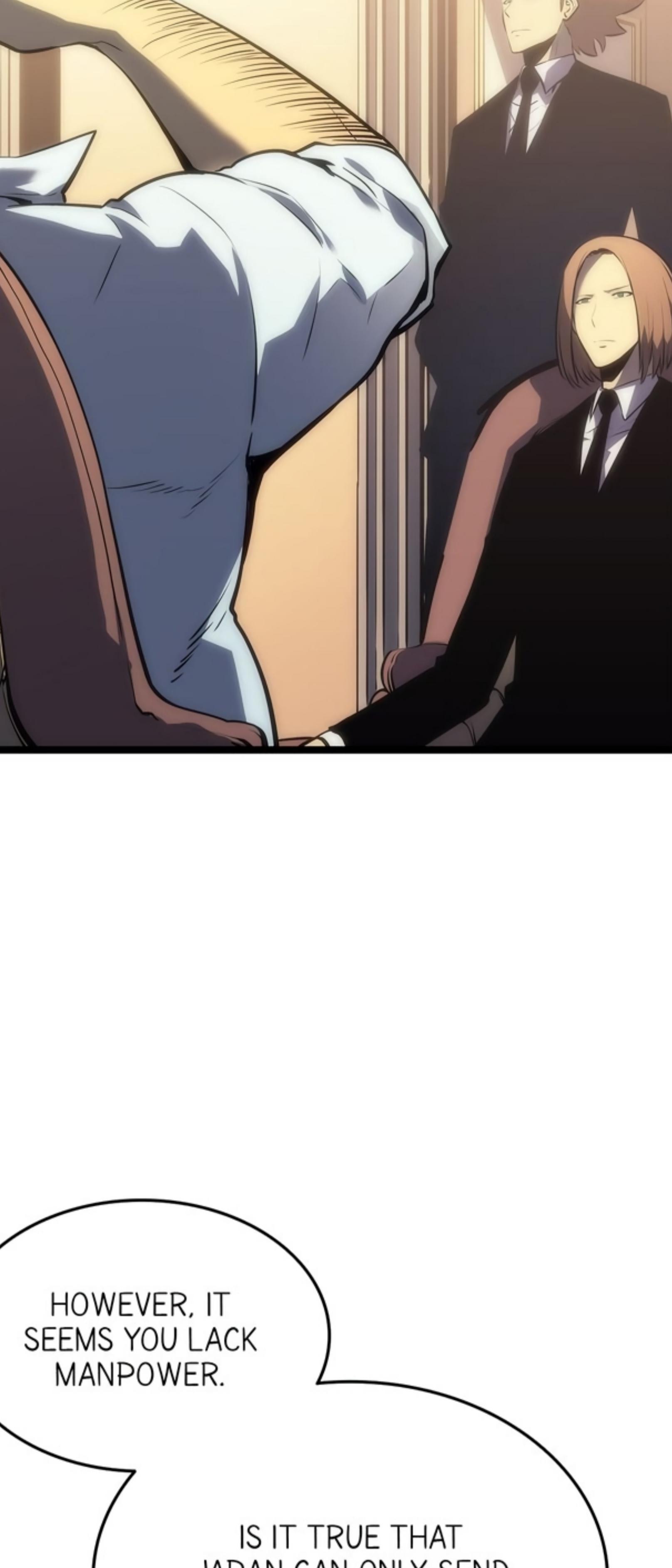
IT WAS SMART OF YOU
TO EVACUATE ALL THE
CITIZENS.

CHUG

HOWEVER, IT
SEEMS YOU LACK
MANPOWER.

IS IT TRUE THAT
JAPAN CAN ONLY SEND
SIX S-RANKS ON THIS
MISSION?

YES.



ONE S-RANK FROM
EACH GUILD MUST STAY
BEHIND TO TAKE CARE OF
ALL THE A-RANK GATES
THAT HAVE APPEARED
ACROSS JAPAN.

THE SAME
GOES FOR OUR GUILD.
THE THREE OF US ARE GOING
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAID
WHILE ONE S-RANK HUNTER
STAYS BEHIND.





NO, NO. THAT
WON'T DO.

HOW DO YOU
EXPECT TO PROTECT
YOUR COUNTRY WITH
THAT PLAN...?



I'M GONNA NEED
\$3.6 BILLION.

CLACK



THAT'S GONNA
BE \$10 MILLION
A DAY.



**HIRE ME, AND I'LL HOLD
BACK THE GATE FOR AS
LONG AS YOU WANT.**

To Be Continued...



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